

PET HEALTH ALERT!

What you should know
about Canine Distemper



With so few animals vaccinated in our community, the chance for spreading disease amongst our pets is greatly increased-especially in shelters where large numbers of animals are housed.

Animal Care Services recently took in several litters of puppies who were critically ill. Testing by the shelter's veterinary staff revealed the young dogs were suffering from a very contagious disease called Canine Distemper.

What is Canine Distemper and how can I keep my dog from getting this very serious disease?

Canine Distemper is **HIGHLY** contagious to “at risk” dogs --puppies under four months of age and dogs that have not been vaccinated are most at risk but ANY dog can contract Canine Distemper.

Signs of Canine Distemper include eye discharge, fever, nasal discharge, coughing, reduced appetite, diarrhea and vomiting.

As the disease progresses, infected dogs could develop seizures, twitching or paralysis.

Canine Distemper is a serious health risk for your pet and infected animals may not survive. Your dog **MUST** be vaccinated to prevent them from getting this serious disease. Regular vaccinations are the best way to ensure your dog leads a happy, healthy life!!

